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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8, 11, 12, 20, and 21 as follows:

8. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second and third branches are equipped with respective closures used to connect up the first and second tanks of the fluids to be supplied and with respective tubes connected to the second and third branches, each tube being inserted into the corresponding tank to draw the fluid from inside it on a control from the first control means.

11. The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the closures are fitted, at the top end of each of the tubes, with respective valve elements designed too operate in conjunction with the second control means to enable the corresponding fluid to flow, when required, into the single second branch.

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12. The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the closure of the second branch that supplies with disinfectant / sterilizing fluid has a channel connected to the third branch to convey the fluid on the direction of the other closure.

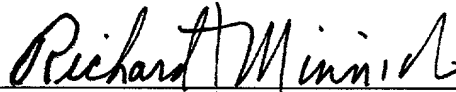
20. The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the first and second tanks are of the disposable type.

21. The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the first and second tanks are of the type that can be sterilized and reused.

REMARKS

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is now in better condition for examination.

Respectfully submitted,



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8. The apparatus according to [claims] claim 1 [and 7], wherein the second and third branches are equipped with respective closures used to connect up the first and second tanks of the fluids to be supplied and with respective tubes connected to the second and third branches, each tube being inserted into the corresponding tank to draw the fluid from inside it on a control from the first control means.

11. The apparatus according to claim 8 [or 9], wherein the closures are fitted, at the top end of each of the tubes, with respective valve elements designed too operate in conjunction with the second control means to enable the corresponding fluid to flow, when required, into the single second branch.

12. The apparatus according to claim 10 [or 11], wherein the closure of the second branch that supplies with disinfectant / sterilizing fluid has a channel connected to the third branch to convey the fluid on the direction of the other closure.

20. The apparatus according to [claims] claim 6 [and 7], wherein the first and second tanks are of the disposable type.

21. The apparatus according to [claims] claim 6 [and 7], wherein the first and second tanks are of the type that can be sterilized and reused.